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REMARKS

Claim 10 has been rewritten.

I. ALLOWABLE MATTER

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1-5, 7-9, 14, and 16-

19 are allowed.

II. **OBJECTION**

The Office rejected dependant claim 12 for depending from rejected independent base claim

10 and as would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base

claim and any intervening claims.

Independent claim 10 has been rewritten to include the limitation(s) of cancelled dependant

claim 12. As such, independent claim 10 and its remaining dependant claims should now be seen as

being allowable over the prior art cited in the last office action.

CONCLUSION

With the above amendments and argument, the Applicants believe that they have fully

responded to the Office's stated objections and rejections and submit that the present Application is in

condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request that the Office, in

consideration of the above amendments and arguments, rescind its objections and rejections to the

present Application and place it in position for issuance. If the Examiner has any questions regarding

the Application or this Amendment C, the Examiner is encouraged to call the Applicants' attorney,

John D. Long, at (775) 827-8767 PST to resolve any issues in a timely and efficient manner.

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The Applicants thank the Examiner for his time and effort in this matter.

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